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**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**

-Meeting Held May 6, 2008-

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Committee Members Piirto, Walz, Giacomini; John Munn, Russ Henly, Helge Eng, Wayne Connor, Kimberly Sone, Ernie Loveless, Dennis Hall (*CAL FIRE*); Bill Keye (CLFA); Richard Gienger (Humboldt Watershed Council); Doug Ferrier (Forest Slopes Management).

AGENDA ITEM 1: DISCUSSION OF A MODIFIED TIMBER HARVESTING PLAN (MTHP) REGULATORY PROPOSAL FOR STREAMLINED PERMITTING OF LANDSCAPE FUEL HAZARD REDUCTION

Following introductions, Chair Piirto opened discussion of the first agenda item. Staff presented revised draft regulatory language in pleading format to the assembly. Member Walz emphasized the importance of Board findings in support of the draft regulatory proposal and offered draft finding language for the Committee's consideration. Members Piirto and Giacomini concurred and suggested that an explanation of rule necessity as well as findings is important to the further consideration of this draft regulatory proposal. Following discussion, staff was directed to use Member Walz' draft language as well as other suggestions from the assembly in the preparation of draft necessity language and findings for review by the Committee at the June Board Meeting.

The assembly discussed specific rule-language additions to the draft proposal that include specification of rule intent, direction to professional foresters, and surface/ladder fuels treatment requirements. Staff was directed to incorporate these proposed additions into a revised proposal for review by the Committee at the June Board Meeting. Staff was also directed to post the draft regulatory proposal on the Board's website prior to the June meeting.

Prior to the June Board Meeting, staff is directed to:

- 1. Prepare an explanation of the necessity and intent of the draft regulatory proposal and draft findings for review by the Committee in advance of the June Board Meeting.**
- 2. Prepare a revised draft of the regulatory proposal pleadings document and post it on the Board's website in advance of the June Board Meeting.**

AGENDA ITEM 2: PRESENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE DRAFT BOGGS MOUNTAIN DEMONSTRATION STATE FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Demonstration State Forest Program Manager, Helge Eng introduced Boggs Mountain Demonstration State Forest Manager, Wayne Connor and Assistant State Forest Manager, Kimberly Sone. With the assistance of Mr. Connor and Ms. Sone, Mr. Eng provided a thorough explanation of the Department's draft updated management plan. Mr. Connor advised that a public meeting on the draft plan update had been scheduled for May 12, 2008 at the *CAL FIRE* station in Middletown. He also indicated that links to the document are now posted on the "Friends of Boggs Mountain" website in addition to the Department's and Board's website. The Demonstration State Forest Advisory Group has also been asked to review the draft document and provide comments to the Department.

Following considerable discussion of the draft plan and suggested revisions by the Members and assembly, the Committee reaffirmed the Board's previous direction that **CAL FIRE** should continue management of Boggs under the previously adopted management plan while the draft plan update is under review. The Committee further directed as follows:

1. The Department shall prepare a revised draft updated management plan for the Committee's consideration at the June Board Meeting. The item will be agendized for Committee and full Board discussion.
2. The Department will provide the Committee with an informal email summary of the outcome of the public meeting to be held May 12, 2008.

AGENDA ITEM 3: NEW AND UNFINISHED

DISCUSSION OF DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF THE LA TOUR DEMONSTRATION STATE FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Staff noted that Board Member Ostrowski had expressed significant concern about some of the elements of the draft document and provided 17 written comments for the Committee's consideration. State Forest Program Manager, Helge Eng and Assistant Deputy Director, Russ Henly responded to the comments and the additional editorial suggestions of the Committee. Following discussion, the Committee concluded with the recommendation that the Board delay public circulation of the draft mitigated negative declaration pending review of a revised draft at the June Board Meeting. **Mr. Eng indicated that he will provide a revised draft for the Board's review in advance of the June Meeting.**

ACTION ITEM

The Committee recommends:

The Board delay public circulation of the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the draft updated La Tour Demonstration State Forest Management Plan pending review of a revised draft Mitigated Negative Declaration at the June Board Meeting.

UPDATE ON SYP WORKSHOP

Staff announced that the Sustained Yield Plan Workshop will be held in conjunction with the Board Meeting on July 10, 2008.

DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE PRIORITIES REPORT

Staff presented Executive Officer Gentry's Committee Priorities Report for consideration by the Committee. Staff was directed to agendize this item for discussion at the June Board Meeting.

POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR JUNE COMMITTEE MEETING:

1. Review of Committee Work Plan/Tracking Table and Board Committee Priorities Report.
2. Review of the Department's Proposed Draft Boggs Mountain Demonstration State Forest Management Plan Update. (Committee and Full Board)
3. Review of the Department's Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration in Support of the Draft La Tour Demonstration State Forest Management Plan. (Committee and Full Board)
4. Discussion of a Modified Timber Harvest Plan (MTHP) Regulatory Proposal for Streamlined Permitting of Landscape Fuel Hazard Reduction.